GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DRINKING WATER SCHEMES IN MADHYA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the rural drinking water schemes for which the Union Governmentprovided grants to Madhya Pradesh in 1978-79 and 1979-80;

(b) whether the Union Government had released a sum of Rs.80 lakh during the saidperiod for the `Majhaganwa Sanyukt Jal Pradaya Yojana` to solve the drinking water crisis of 23 villages of Satna district in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, whether the water supply system put in place under the said scheme is on the verge of collapse;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)
(a) to (e) As per the information received from Government of Madhya Pradesh, Government of India, Ministry of Works and Housing had released Rs.290.00 lakhs and Rs.353.15 lakh in the year 1978-79 and 1979-80 respectively under Centrally Sponsored Rural Water Supply Programme for execution of approved schemes as per the guidelines pertaining to the programme. Scheme wise grants was not released. However, a Group Piped Water Supply Scheme covering 23 villages/tolas estimated to cost Rs.50.00 lakh was technically approved by Government of India on dated 28.4.1978 for implementation under Centrally Sponsored Rural Water Supply Programme. The said scheme was completed in the year 1981 and water supply through public stand posts was started.
After completion the scheme was handed over to concerned Gram panchayats for operation and maintenance in the year 1995. However, due to inability of the Gram panchayats to run the scheme, only 6 tolas of village Pindra are getting water from the said scheme. The remaining villages and tolas included in the scheme have hand pumps for water supply. To assist the Gram Panchayats in the operation and maintenance of the scheme, maintenance grant has been made available by the State Government on fixed norms. As the Gram Panchayats responsible for operation of the said scheme failed to operate the scheme, hand pumps were provided as alternative sources. A proposal amounting to Rs.38.80 lakh has been prepared by State Government to carry out repair and re-commissioning of the portion of the scheme in disuse and is presently under technical scrutiny in the State Government.